BARIUM MESSENGER

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Alexander - Dairy

ALEXANDER COTTAGE, Sept. 17—School has started, and from vacations comes books, studying, and we view things with a different aspect.

We are cutting silage at the dairy barn now. And the cows just bellow all day long for this. And theres a barn full of hay that smells of the new-mown variety.

Our cottage is filling in with new boys who come from another cottages. And we also wish those leaving Barium a success at Davidson or wherever they go to college.

It seems that our swimming pool is closed because there isn't many going in.

Our first football game will be with Sanford at Winston-Salem this year. Our football field is sure looking good now, and we are expecting to lick every game played on it — by Barium. (Signed) A MILKER.

——P. O. H.——

Synod

SYNODS COTTAGE, Sept. 222—Here we are again. We've been going to school almost three weeks now.

Mr. Johnston took us to the circus in Statesville the other day and we surely did have a good time.

He let us feed peanuts to the elephants.

The manager of the Playhouse invited us to the picture "Pardon Us." It was so funny that we are still laughing at it.

We have five new boys: Harry Hice, James Hice, Jasper Briley, Charles Starling, and Cecil Starling. We are so glad to have them in our family.

We are going to have a football game here Friday and we are all hoping for our boys to win.

Well this is all the news we have this time.

—The Thirty-six Wiggles.

—P. O. H.—

Howard

Howard News, Sept. 23—We have been going to school for three weeks and every body seems to enjoy it.

Foot ball has started and we are all very glad.

Mary Ellen Marrison is visiting Mrs. Grier. Mary Ellen comes to our cottage to play with us and she makes mud cakes with us. We have enjoyed playing with her. She is going away Sunday. We will hate to see her leave. z

We still have lots of beans, peas and butter beans to shell and string every day.

We thank Mr. Thomas and the boys for bringing us the pears and peaches.

We are going to have the birthday dinner today. Mildred Willis, Mary E. Sanders and Marguerite Wicker are to go from our cottage and we know they will have a good dinner.

Good-bye.

—The Bean Stringers

——P. O. H.——

Infirmary

INFIRMARY, Sept. 23—How is everybody? Things are going fine around here.

We only have one patient now. We haven't had any for a long time but Pleas Norman broke the record. We hope to have him well soon.

One of our matrons, Miss Moore, has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. We surely do enjoy hearing her talk about it.

Mrs. Ghigo has been with us quite a while now but she is leaving some time this week. She is going to her home in Valdese. We hate to see her go, but know she will be happy at home.

We have been having a lot of good times lately. First of all the ninth grade girls went to Winston-Salem last Friday night to see the opening football game of the season. Barium played Sanford and won 7 to 0. After the game Mr. Culbreth invited us all to Gray's Cafe to have a bite to eat. We certainly enjoyed it and especially enjoyed having Mr. Culbreth do it for us.

Last Saturday afternoon we all went down to Davidson to see their opening game.

The manager of the "Playhouse" invited us up to see "Pardon Us." It certainly was good. We thank the manager for letting us in.

We almost forgot to tell you that our kitchen matron, Mrs. Lackey, is back and we surely are glad. I tell you we are doing some good cooking now. Can't you smell the good things cooking.

Well, I guess it is time for us to ring off.

——P. O. H.——

There are a lot of old-fashioned girls left around. We mean the kind who go to bed the same day they get up.

If Rip Van Winkle tried to do his stunt today his wife would be married again before he got to snoring good.

Lottie Walker

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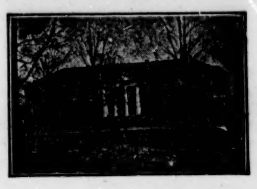

WOMAN'S BUILDING, Sept. 23—This is W. L. 2 broadcasting again, so get yourselves comfortable.

It seems that it has been just about a week since you heard from us last but we are always glad to let folks know how we are coming along over here.

Well, school is "on" again and everybody seems to be glad of it, but that doesn't mean that we don't enjoy vacation when we have a chance at one.

Mr. Clark still brings beans for us to string and now he has added peas to shell! He still thinks we like it! O well, when we all pitch in and do our best it doesn't take so long to get through with it.

Some of us had the luck of seeing Davidson and Elon play their opening game of football last Saturday. After we got back from Davidson we had hasty lunch in the cottages, piled in the truck and went to Statesville to see "Pardon Us" which was really good. We are certainly indebted to our kind friends, the management of the "Playhouse" for letting us in

We were about to forget to tell you that some of our girls, the ninth grade, went to Winston-Salem Friday night to see Barium beat Sanford.(The first night game they had ever seen.)

They yelled so much they came back so hoarse they could hardly talk, so that must be one reason our team did so well.

Somebody was good enough to send us a lot of "Tastyeast", which we are serving every morning for breakfast. We don't what all it is meant to do for us, but we hope it stimulates brains as well as good digestions.

How is everyone enjoying this hot weather? We feel like we would like to have a job in the cold storage department rather than laundry or kitchen but never mind, winter will be here one of these days whizzing rain and snow, then where will we want to be sitting?

News is scarce as you see, so we will close, with best wishes for all.

——P. O. H.——

Lees

Lees Cottage, Sept. 24—"No, news, is good news." So, let us hope that this is good news.

Last month was full of activities, although nothing very exciting hapened at Lees Cottage. All the boys are thinking and talking about school and foot ball. By the way we think it should be called feet ball for there certainly are a lot of feet in the game and the practice games. And Oh Boy! we've won the first two. Leave it to Barium to "show the conqueror." We are proud of our team this year. They may not be as big and huskey, as last year's bunch, but man! they can play,

Lots of changing is going on at our cottage, that is, in shifting boys from one cottage, to the other. Six of our older boys have gone to Jennie Gilmer. We certainly do miss them, but we have five fine little boys from Synods Cottage and they have already grown since they came. We are glad to have them at our Cottage.

One of our boys, Robert Brown broke his arm about three weeks ago, but he is doing nicely now. Another one has had to put on glasses. But "generally speaking" we are all strong and well.

Our case worker, Miss Steele, has a room at our cottage now, and my! we enjoy having her. We crowd into her room every night and play "rook." She is lots of company for us.

We have a few new shrubs, but are going to get some more as soon as we can. We want Lees Cottage to look pretty next year. We are helping our matron take care of them.

Next time we write, we will tell you what we did on Hallowe'en night.

By the way, we are new housecats here since school started, we are with best wishes.

—Julius Kinard & John Donaldson.

Mr. T. C. Cavin, farm boss, and his crew, finished filling two silos with ensilage the other day—about 250 tons,—this in ten days cutting.

Mr. T. L. O'Kelly, school principal, who has been confined for a few days due to an infected foot, is back at his duties.

Mr. O'Kelley says that work is going along very nicely in school.

TABLE OF RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER

PRESBYTERY	Membership	September Receipts	Amt. Received per Member September	Total Amt. per Member for Year	Amount due per Member	Amount Behind
Winston-Salem	3578	$432.32	12 c	50½c	75c	24½c behind
Mecklenburg	16453	$530.66	3¼c	24¾c	75c	50¼c behind
Concord	11137	$460.87	4 c	23 c	75c	52 c behind
Kings Mtn.	5072	$247.40	4¾c	23 c	75c	52 c behind
Albemarle	3815	$185.45	4¾c	22½c	75c	52½c behind
Granville	5390	$301.45	5½c	19¼c	75c	55¾c behind
Orange	10755	$356.62	3¼c	14¾c	75c	60¼c behind
Wilmington	7463	$164.09	2 c	14¾c	75c	60¼c behind
Fayetteville	11379	$349.39	3 c	14½c	75c	60½c behind
TOTAL,	75042	$3028.25	4 c	20.9c	75c	54.1c behind

Well the year's half over. Half the meals have been prepared and served, half th health program has been carried out, something less than half the school work, but much more than half of the productive work has been done.

Finances? Well only two fifteenths of the money necessary to run the place a year has come in.

We have received sympathy, we believe we have had prayers for us in untold numbers.

We have received advice in unprecedented quantities. All these things have helped—it has showed us that at least there has been great searching of hearts, and that Barium is certainly not forgotten.

But Brothers, we must have something else; you have put these children here and you must provide for them.

The money needed for one month can not be stretchd to take care of six months, and yet you can note from the Table of Receipts that one-third of the Presbyteries have just passed the first month's quota and only one has passed the second month.

Let's do something about it. Don't tell us that times are hard and that we should economize. We Know That Already, possibly better than you. Don't let's be like Ephraim and remain among the sheepfold when our help is so desperately needed.

—P. O. H.—

Rumple Hall

RUMPLE HALL, Sept 23—We are real busy these hot days with school and our dining room work, but there is always a little time for amusements.

Last week we were invited into town to see a picture, and Saturday afternoon we went to Davidson to see a football game. But the very thing of all is yet to come. Guess you wonder what that is? Well, it is our first football game of the season to be played on our own field. We wish all of our friends could be here for that game.

Almost a month of school has passed. We expect to get our report cards next week and then we will all know just what we have not been doing.

Several of the girls went to the birthday dinner today. That is one time we wish our birthdays came every month.

——P. O. H.——

NORTH CAROLINA

PARODY ON COTTON

The following parody was recently printed in the Raleigh news and Observer:

Cotton, thou art my Shepherd and I am in want.

Thou has caused me to feed in a dry pasture; thou has destroyed my credit; thou has led me into the paths of poverty, liens, lawsuits and near nakedness.

Thou has destroyed my soul and my happiness.

Thou has caused me to go to a banker with my hat under my arm and mortgage the muscle and produce of my farm.

Thou hast caused me to live in a rented house in full view of the moon while stars come twinkling through the cracks.

Thou preparest a naked back and an empty stomach for me in the presence of my friends.

Thou anointest my head with ignorance, superstition, poverty and unpaid accounts. How con I trust thee?

Thou hast kept my children out of school, church and society thereby robbing them of that which is good and noble, elevating and refining.

Thou hast caused me to go to the barn and bring out the old fertilizer sacks and ask my wife to make me shirts.

Now, behold, as I stand amidst my friends in my new shirt with these inscriptions in full view, "Eighteen per cent acid phosphate" on the breast and '12-4-4' on the tail.

—P. O. H.—

September month unfurled its scroll, with school, foot-ball, and the largest crowd of birthday celebrities at Barium for the year. There were only 53 at the dinner held on the 23rd of the month.

Rev. W. C. Brown, and Mr. Ervin Jackins attended a meeting of Concord Presbytery at Harmony the 22nd.

NOTICE

Friends who send money instead of clothes, will please remit in the usual way, when convenient. (Any time during October or later.) They will not be notified, but we will gladly answer any questions that may be asked in this connection.

If all the organizations have not received their list, where clothes are sent, please let us hear from you.

One of the delightful things attendant on our football games, was the number of old Barium Springs boys and girls that came back to see it. We won't attempt to name all of them, because we would be sure to miss some names; but we noticed Drury Patterson, an old football player; George Ayres, Lee West, J. B. Lee, Morris Lee, A. J. Potter, Sam Bernardo, May Belle Knox, Pearl Beaver; and then Woodrow Patterson, who not only was here, but played on the Lexington team.

Football Enters With September; Statesville-Barium Game Oct. 9

The football season has really opened at Barium. Our Varsity team played its first game at Winston-Salem, on the night of September the eighteenth. The opponents was Sanford High School. This game was played under the flood lights before a fair crowd, and was a good game, considering the early part of the season, and the extremly hot weather. weather.

Early in the game, on account of a bad pass, on Sanford's part, it was Barium's ball on Sanford's eight yard line. Sears and King advanced the ball; King carrying in over for a touchdown. A moment or two later, King plunged over for the extra point, making the score 7-0. The balance of the game was played on fairly even terms. The number of first downs being practically the same.

Our next varsity game was the opening game at Barium, with Lexington. Everything was just ideal for this game. The weather that had been so hot, turned a little cooler; the edge was taken off the sunshine by a few clouds. A big delegation came from Lexington, and enough from Statesville, Charlotte, and other places, to comfortably fill our bleachers.

The Lenoir High School Band made music, and entertained the big crowd at every lull in the game.

The newly installed Loud-Speaker arrangement was in operation, and seemed to please the crowd; but the game, after all, was the big thing.

Lexington had a somewhat heavier team than Barium, but most of the material was green. The game started off with Barium kicking off, Lexington returning to the fifteen yard line. Lexington made one first in ten, and then kicked. The punt was a long one, and Sears, safety man for Barium, fumbled. Lexington recovered. It was Lexington's ball on Barium's forty yard line. After a few plays, Lexington again kicked, and Barium returned it to her four yard line. Barium kicked on first downs, and it was Lexington's ball on the forty yard line again.

After one line play, Lexington tried a pass which ws intercepted by Joe Johnston, and brought to about the filty yard line. Here after one or two line plays, Pittman took the ball and ran the rest of the field for a touchdown.

A little bit later in the second quarter, another touchdown was made the advance being off tackle and line plays, with Sears and King doing most of the advancing, but the ball being finally carried over for a tonchdown by Johnston. A second touchdown by Pittman in this quarter, and another touchdown by Pittman in the third quarter, completed the scoring, which was finally 25-0 in favor of Barium.

Barium's gains were through the line; off-tackle and end run. Lexington attempted three passes, none of which were grounded. One was complete for about twenty yards gain, the other two were intercepted. The first by Johnston, the second by King.

The whole Barium team showed big improvement over the game against Sanford. The line was fast, smothering Lexington's plays before they could get started.

Purdy at center; Freeman, tackle, were particularly good. In the backfield, the members of last year's Midget Team did most of the ball carrying; but Captain King, the only heavy man in the backfield, was blasting holes for the ball carriers to advance. He played a good game, both offensively and defensively.

Several players on Lexington played good ball—Cecil's punts were beautiful and his defensive work in the backfield was fine. Patterson also showed up well. Although on the short end of the score the visitors kept on fighting and were going better in the last quarter than at any other time during the game.

The officials were Davis, of Davidson; Bradshaw of Davidson; and Barclay of Erskine.

The attendance, all told, about fifteen hundred.

The Midget football started off Saturday morning, September 19th, with a victory over the Charlotte Cubs, 13-0. This team played under the same rules that governed at Charlottesville last year. 115-pound average; 125-pound limit. There were several veterans on the team, but most of this team was made up of new men. Ladd Fowler made one touchdown; Robert Blue made the other. During the latter part of the game, the Cubs picked up and threatened to score, but were stopped before the threat had gotten very far.

The second and third midget games of the season were played ta Winston-Salem Saturday, afternoon, September the 26th, at two P. M. the 100-pound team took on the 100-pound team from Oxford Orphanage, and for one time were outfought and outplayed. The game resulted in a victory for Oxford, 14-0.

It seems that most of the players on our 1930 one hundred pound team have just eaten themselves entirely off the team and when weighing time came this fall, only two veterans could qualify. These were Luzon Cook, who baerly got down to 100-pounds weight, and Roy Wilson. The next best prospect were considerably below the 100-pound weight, and when they went up against Oxford Orphanage, we found a fast well trained age gressive team that easily beat us.

Immediately following this game, the 125-pound team tried conclusions with a team of the same weight from the Methodist Orphanage of Winston. This was a hard fought, beautiful game, resulting in a victory of 7-0 for Barium. Parker Lyons making the touchdown. Both of these games were played on Haynes Field Winston; and the 125-pound team were the guests of the Winston Orphanage for supper.

HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST MONTH

SIXTH GRADE—
Leila Johnston

MERIT ROLL FOR FIRST MONTH

FIRST GRADE—George Lewis, James, Shroyer.

FOURTH GRADE—Eva Mae Benfield, Myrtle Mays, Walter Motte, Daniele Salvaggio, and Helen Thomas.

FIFTH GRADE—Alice Jones, and Charles O'Kelley.

SIXTH GRADE—Lucile Burney, and Clyde Johnson.

SEVENTH GRADE—Georgia Burgin, and Irene Forte.

EIGHTH (A) GRADE—T. L. O'Kelley, Jr.

EIGHTH (B) GRADE—Bonnie Lee McKenzie, Hattie Morris, Miriam Sanders, Irene Shannon, Joy Stone.

NINTH GRADE—Herbert Blue, and Bruce Purcell.

TENTH GRADE—Miriam McCall.

ELEVENTH GRADE—Robert Blue Herman Clack, Jim Johnston.

POST GRADUATE—Joe Johnston.

—P. O. H.—

Annie Louise

ANNIE LOUISE, Sept. 23—Well, school has started and everybody is glad.

We have thirty-one girls in our building. Many of our girls have gone to Howard. We always hate to give them up, but are glad for the little girls at the Baby Cottage to come over to live with us.

Everyone hated to see Miss Anita leave but we have another good matron, Miss Miller. We also hate to see Mrs. Ghigo leave as she has been with us a long time.

Mr. Johnston took all the girls to the circus last week. Everyone enjoyed it because that has been the topic of conversation ever since. We also enjoyed a show, which was very funny.

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Farm - Campus

We have finished cutting all of the corn in our largest field and shocked it. We hauled some of the corn out of the field and shocked it up at the edge of the wheat field. We will be cutting the rest of our corn soon and putting it in the silos, so that the cows will have plenty to eat this winter.

What time we are not cutting corn, we are picking peas. We already have one end of our shed nearly filled with and we are still picking more every day. We have picked about half of what we planted. We are getting a part of the new ground ready so we can mow the peas, haul them to the cows, plow the field, and plant wheat in it pretty soon.

School has started and with it always football. About all the farm boys come in from work at four o'clock to practise. We are going to have a splendid team this year, regardless of the fact that we lost some of our best material, which will be going to Davidson and show up the "Freshman team." We also have three other teams playing football here this year.

We have already started clearing out more new ground for next years' corn. This job usually lasts all winter but I think we will finish clearing out ours' pretty soon.

We cut the grass about every week now, and it sure is looking good.

We have a lot of hogs and it won't be long until we start killing three or four every week.

The campus is looking nice since we have been mowing the grass quite often, and picking up the paper.

—P. O. H.—

September has come and gone, and with it an extended period of dry weather and high temperatures for the month, in the immediate vicinity of Barium.

Rev. E. G. Carson, pastor of the Fifth Street A. R. P. Church, Statesville, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Brown at Little Joe's Church on the 13th.

New Presbyterian Church Dedicated At Raleigh

Rev. R. K. Devenport conducted a revival meeting in the new Vanguard Chapel Presbyterian church on the Rhamkatte road two miles from Raleigh last month. The chapel was dedicated Sunday afternoon. It is the third or fourth church sponsored by the Vanguard Bible class of the First Presbyterian church at Raleigh. Besides sponsoring and materially aiding in building these churches, the Vanguard class, under leadership of Mr. Ed Crow, supports a missionary in the foreign field. The class has an average attendauce of nearly 300 men every Sunday.— Fuquay Springs Courier-Journal.

——P. O. H.——

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Lenoir Church, A Friend	20.00
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Aux. Lumberton	6.00
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Aux. Monroe	26.25
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Jennie K. Hill B. C. Rocky Mt. 1st S .S.	5.00
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Ashpole S. S.	10.12
Alamance Church	16.28
Buffalo (G) Church	22.50
Buffalo (L) Church	1.50
Cross Road Church	.96
Hawfields Church	13.95
Hawfield S. S.	5.78
Buffalo (G) Church	3.75
Aux. Meban	3.30
Westminster Church Greensboro	35.21
Aux. Rocky Mt. 1st Mrs. A. P. Thorpe	10.00
Wilmington 1st Church	34.25
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Aux. Rocky Mt. 1st.	11.00
Aux. Howard Mem.	12.00
Winston-Salem 1st Church	300.00
S. S. Maxton 1st	26.76
Buffalo (G) S. S.	8.00
Mocksville Church	1.76
North Wilkesboro S. S.	32.32

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At the recent meeting in Charlotte, one of these commands was issued. It was to publish a letter that was presented to the Board of Regents by six men of Greensboro; to reply to that letter, and to publish a copy of this reply.

This is something that we do not like to do. We feel that it just prolongs an argument that should be closed. We can't spend all year just talking about things. We have to keep doing things, but if this letter and its reply will clarify the situation in the minds of the members of Synod, we are only too glad to obey this command of Synod.

We appreciate the efforts made by these friends in Greensboro to give us sound advice. We don't want them to feel that in refusing to act on their advice, that we think less of their efforts, or value them less as friends. We just wish that they could see these matters as clearly as they appear to us who are in daily contact with the matters under discussion.

August 18, 1931.

TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF BARIUM SPRINGS ORPHANAGE,
KING COTTON HOTEL,
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

We have a communication here which we hope that you will not feel is out of place, but we are presenting it because of the deep interest we have in the orphanage and because of the fact that we are evidently facing a period of readjustment in the State of North Carolina and throughout our country which is far more serious than many of us think.

Those of us who are writing this letter are face to face with many grave problems in our church and city life and we are confident that it is not confined to us, locally, but it is a condition that faces every church and community in North Carolina. It is for this reason we feel constrained to present you this communication.

We feel keenly the financial pressure of today, and we know that our orphanage—the affairs of which you are directing—has also felt the pressure, and will—in our judgment—feel it more this fall and winter than any year during the last quarter of a century. We who are out in the pastorate and in the business world feel that this is no time to reduce the number of children we have in our institution bcause there is a greater demand for such care than for many years past, the reason for which is perfectly apparent. So we see no way for retrenchment so far as the number to care for is concerned.

We understand that you have an indebtedness of $50,000 and to care for this it takes about all of the interest on the invested funds of the orphanage. We also understand that you have certain annuties to pay which takes about $1500 per year, and perhaps other obligations that we do not know of. In view of these facts and also the fact that the giving power of the church has been greatly reduced, we ask that the orphanage take advantage of the recent act of the Legislature of North Carolina whereby it is possible for the educational burden of the institution to be cared for by the State.

We notice from your last year's report that the salaries of the teachers cost the orphanage more than $20,000. By accepting the State's offer we are confident that the larger part of this money can be saved by the institution to be used in the support fund, which—according to the outlook of the most optimistic, will be greatly needed. To be bluntly plain, we believe that curtailment in some way will have to be made because of the lack of funds which evidently face us.

Nearly every orphanage in North Carolina is and has been participating in State or municipal help, or both, and the influence of the institutions have not been curtailed thereby. The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has been an exception but a recent letter from Dr. Kesler reveals the fact that he is in favor of State aid and is working to that end. He declares: "I do not see that this violates any principle that we hold dear of separation or church and state."

We fully realize that the readjustment will be difficult in the working out of the schedule. But the whole educational system of North Carolina has been disarranged by the recent legislation. The orphanage has had a schedule of its own for years and this would have to be changed. We realize the difficulties will be many. Where the superintendent of the orphanage has been selecting the teachers, they will be selected, in case of state aid, by the school board, which we are confident will be reasonable and will give full consideration to the interest of the orphanage. We would have to lease our buildings. The children would have to attend a certain number of hours five days in the week. In all probability it would interfere with the splendid athletic program of the institution. We understand the difficulties and the hardships of readjustment and we are not minimizing these in the least, but we believe that it can be worked out to the permanent good of the institution, to the honor of the Board of Regents and to the Synod of North Carolina in educating, mothering, and training hundreds of orphaned children. Eventually, state aid is coming and if it is coming eventually, why not put ourselves to the task and help the state in its readjustment problems that are right now upon us.

Personally, we do not see how the Board of Regents and the splendid superintendent we have can decline the aid of the state at this critical moment of our beloved institution.

Most respectfully yours,

(SIGNED): C. J. Angle
T. R. Foust
E. P. Wharton
G. O. Coble
Lunsford Richardson, Jr.
R. Murphy Williams

—P. O. H.—

Barium Springs, N.C.
September 16, 1931

Messrs. C. J. Angle,
T. R. Foust,
E. P. Wharton,
C. O. Coble,
Lunsford Richardson, Jr.,
Rev. R. Murphy Williams,
Greensboro, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to an order passed at the last meeting of Synod, I am replying to your communication addressed to the Board of Regents, under date of August the 18th.

In the outset, we want to thank you for the deep interest which you have manifested in the affairs of Barium Springs Orphanage as evidenced by your letter. We wish to assure you that we are keenly aware of the financial pressure of today. Our Board of Regents is composed of laymen, ministers, and women who are familiar with this condition. We have endeavored in every way possible to reduce expenses. We have been endeavoring, not just for this year, but for the last fiv eyears, to arrive at some plan whereby State aid would be available for our school.

In the Legislature of 1927, a bill was introduced which would have enabled all the Orphanages to receive benefit through the Equalizing Fund.

The substitution of one word in this bill rendering it optional rather than obligatory, apparently nullified the effects of it, and the Orphanage did not receive benefit thereby.

In the efforts made this year to secure State aid, the Board of Regents went as far as they could in trying to make this arrangement. It appeared to them that it would not even be a saving in finances to accept State aid as the disruption of the departments necessary to meet the hours of the State school would result in at least as much loss as the State aid would help.

We will not enumerate again all of the reasons why this is true. We are enclosing a copy of the September Messenger which goes at length into these matters.

We will touch briefly on the matter of the Orphanage debt. The Orphanage is indebted over $70,000.00, and this deficit has arisen, on account of expenditures of the Orphanage exceeding the budget, but bceause the contributions received were less than the budget.

In only one year, during the last five, has there been expenditures above the budget. This was an increase of Two Thousand Dollars which happened four years ago, when we had a combination of an influenza epidemic, five children to maintain in the State Sanatorium, and a destructive storm that destroyed much of our fall crops. In all other years, the expenditures have fallen from Three to Eight Thousand Dollars below the estimated budget, and the receipts have fallen even below this.

In the matter of the annuity mentioned in your letter of $1,500.00 a year; this is the annuity agreed upon to be given to a couple who deeded a farm to the Orphanage that is apparently worth somewhere between $25,000 and $40,000. This $1,500.00 is not a drain on the Orphanage, but has so far, been paid from the rental from this farm.

This is exactly similar to an annuity that has been in force some twenty years, when a friend of the Institution gave the Orphanage $5,000.00 with the understanding that she be paid $300.00 a year as long as she lived.

It is no more difficult to realize an average of $1,500.00 a year from the farm than it is to realize $300.00 a year net from the investment of this $5,000.00.

Mention is made in your letter of Oxford Orphanage and the Mills Home. The situation in these two communities is quite different from Barium Springs. Oxford and the Mills Home are both in cities. They have arrnaged with the City School authorities to maintain their Orphanage school under the same hours as now prevail, although still calling it part of the city system.

We are not arguing the rightness of the state's atitude in this matter, but the atitude of the State Superintendent of Education regarding our situation in the rural district is that our entire school must be combined with Troutman School; transporting our high school to Troutman, and filling up our buildings with grade children.

If we could make the arrangement that is in effect at Oxford at the present time, it would remove the greater part of the objection to the state control.

We endeavored with all the zeal at our command to bring about such an arrangement. We had the friendly co-operation of the local County Board, and the Troutman School Board, but the state authorities set the conditions as mentioned above.

Our school is something that has been built up through years of careful planning and experiment. It is not the product of one year or two years. The evidence of people who have had a chance to test the quality of our education is available, and shows clearly the development from year to year in the quality of our work.

The Board of Regents did not think it well to jeopardise that school for the uncertain advantages that might accrue from hastening into the State system of schools.

The atitude of the Regents has not only been to safeguard what we have, but to use every reasonable endeavor to secure aid from the state; and that is their continued policy. They did not think it wise to undertake it this year, but you will note the action of the Board as contained in their report to Synod, and as contained in the explantion of their stand, in the September Messenger is that for this year, we stay separate from the state school system, but that during the year we continue to work toward a possible plan whereby we can use state aid without the disadvantages that seem to be present this year.

For your consideration, may we mention the names of the members of the Board that have expressed their opinion about this matter, and have been instrumental in the above decision:

Mr. K. G. Hudson, merchant, Raleigh; Rev. W. M. Currie, minister, Belmont; Rev. M. J. Murray, minister, Faison; Mr. J. C. Crowell, manufacturer, Charlotte; Rev. Eugene Alexander, minister, Manchester; Rev. W. M. Baker, minister, Mebane; Mrs. I. F. Hill, Durham; Mrs. J. E. Driscoll, Charlotte; Mrs. Z. V. Turlington, Mooresville; Mrs. W. T. Clark, Wilson; Mrs. J. R. Page, Aberdeen; Mrs. R. M. Gray, Statesville; Mrs. J. R. Finley, North Wilkesboro.

The other members of the Board did not attend the meetings where these matters were discussed; not because of lack of interest, but because it was impossible for them to reach these meetings.

We submit that this group of people cover pretty comprehensively, not only the various communities in the Synod, but represent the various businesses and professions. They have arrived at their opinions not only from their knowledge of outside conditions, but from a careful first-hand study of affairs at Barium. That their vote was unanimous certainly means something.

We believe that you would thoroughly agree with the action of the Board if you would visit Barium Springs, and see at first-hand, the matters that under discussion, and realize some of the difficulties that face us, should we accept your advice in the matter of the schools.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,
J. B. JOHNSTON,
Manager.

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——P. O. H.——

Barium Boys and Girls Off To College

Quite a number of Barium boys and girls are represented in various colleges this year. Those leaving Barium during the past month to enter college were the following: Misses Leatha Copeland and Lorena Clark to Flora McDonald; Ben and Charles Forte, A. J. Potter, Lee West, J. B. Lee, Sam Bernardo, of the class of '31 at Davidson.

Barium boys entering upon there Sophomore year at Davidson were Guy East, Julian West, also Bob Johnston, who is a member of the Senior Class.

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANS' HOME TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN PREPARIING this, the most important report made during the entire year, we are faced with one great difficulty; and that difficulty is to select those things that are most important to present to you. There are many things of great importance that can not be included because of the limited time given for this report.

We want to say in the outset that if there are any points not covered fully enough to satisfy any members of the Synod, we will be only too glad to furnish more detailed information on request.

We want to show you something of the amount of work being done. If possible, to show something of the kind of work being done; and of course, we want to show you the cost of the work. We also want to show you our present difficulties, and our plans for the immediate future.

In order to get this before you in a concise form, and still cover the subject, we have decided to present our report this year somewhat in narrative form.

We will commence with the situation at the beginning of the last Church, year, April the first, 1930. At that time, our operating budget showed a deficit of $54,000.00, in round numbers. Of this total, 8,000.00 had been added during the year just closed.

There are 358 children in the Institution. There were applications pending for 39 children.

During the first quarter—April, May and June—these thirty-nine applications and twenty-nine others were investigated and disposed of as follows:

The Orphanage received 16; and plans were made for 52 to be cared for either by relatives or other organizations, except where the investigation showed that no urgent need was present.

During this period 21 children were graduated. The largest class in the history of the Institution, and seven returned to their homes because of these homes being re-established on a sound foundation.

During this time we received in contributions through the regular channels, including clothing money, $12,694.99. From all other sources, $9,868.89. Making a total of $22,563.88. Included in this amount was the $6,780.00 received form the Duke Endowment.

This revenue even with the help of the Duke Endowment, did not quite reach the expenses of the Institution during that period, with the result that $2,276.00 was added to our indebtedness.

The next quarter, comprising July, August and September, was a period of great activity, but the lowest income. During this period of time, applications for 63 children were investigated and acted upon, with the result that 15 entered the Institution, and 48 were disposed of by having their care assumed by relatives, other agencies, or by boarding homes.

School started with 365 children. A tuberculosis clinic was held showing much improvement in the children over previous years, but resulting in one child having to go to Sanatorium.

Our athletic field was completed, and it was found that of the $8,300.00 contributed for the building of this field, and for the fence, that only a little more than $4,000.00 had actually been used in its construction. The balance of this money was allowed to apply on the Support Fund.

The receipts during this period were as follows: From regular benevolent channels, including clothing money, $10,903-.49, a little more than one third of the amount necessary to run the Institution during these months.

July is a month of low expense, but August and September are times when supplies are usually laid in for the winter, in the way of clothing, shoes, and school supplies; and all of the new children usually have to be outfitted anew.

The result of this condition found us at the first of October, with a very heavy debt. We owed at that time, altogether, $83,498.56.

This was the situation when Synod met last year, and these were the facts laid before the Synod.

The response of the whole Synod to this condition was most encouraging. The Thanksgiving offerings were more universal and as a rule, better than for several years past. So much so that they made up the deficiency in the receipts from the regular contributions from the churches, Sunday Schools and Auxilaries, so that the total for the year reached the amount contributed the year before.

Nevertheless, even with this improved Thanksgiving offering, the Board of Regents were faced with a very serious situation. A matter of some $60,000.00 that remained as a debt, even after the Thanksgiving offering, had to be handled in some way. So a meeting was held in December, to consider ways and means for taking care of this indebtedness. After two months deliberation, it was decided to apply for a ten-year loan of an Insurance Company. Negotiations were started with Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, and toward the end of February an agreement was reached.

As a result of the agreement, there was borrowed from the Jefferson Standard $50,000.00 for ten years at 6%. This loan was secured by a first mortgage on all the real estate of the Orphanage, and a ten-year endowment policy on the life of the Manager.

The premlums on this policy amounting to $4800 a year takes the place of a sinking fund, as the policy will mature and pay off the principal of the loan at its maturity. Should the institution have the good fortune to lose the manager by death during the ten years, the loan will be paid by the death claim. The proceeds from this loan were used entirely to retire pressing debts to the local banks and firms with whom we were far in arrears.

We ended the year, March 31st, 1931, with a deficit for the year of $8,242.08, which brought the total deficit in the neighborhood of $62,000.00 in round numbers.

It has been a very trying year, and we have been embarassed quite often by having friends ask us what we are doing to lower expenses. The implication apparently being that we had been expending unnessarily in some lines, and this should be reduced. As a matter of fact, the Institution has to run at all times on the lines of strictest economy, and it is not easy to discover way to further reduce expenditures without paying for it in reduced efficiency.

Barium Springs' per capita cost is on a par with like Institutions in the Carolinas. It is very much below Institutions of a like nature elsewhere in the United States. We have attempted in several ways, however, to reduce expenses. We are preparing to do away with the Commercial Department of our high school. This a most excellent department and is handled by one of the best men in this work, and it has enabled a number of girls to prepare themselves for better work on leaving the Institution.

However, we find that it is a large expenditure for a limited number, and for that reason we are discontinuing it, after the present school year. The classes that have already had one year in commercial, we felt were due to be allowed to complete their courses.

We have been more than usually zealous in trying to arrange to take care of children outside of the Institution. Thus enabling us to take care of as large a load without having as many in the Institution.

Our most recent effort has been in the line of boarding homes. We are trying to discover as many homes over the state that can supply good care for children at a nominal price, and we are trying in this way to handle those cases coming to us where there is a relative who is able to pay something towards the support of the children.

When a good boarding home can be provided, and the relative can provide the expense, it only leaves the burden of supervision on the Orphanage, and this a much lighter expense, of course, than resident care.

We are developing this particular feature and hope by this means to reduce the total expense without reducing the service rendered.

Also, there seemed a possibility that there would be some help available from the state in the maintainance of our schools. We watched with interest, the Legislature, and the final enacting of the state-wide school law. We, early in the summer, took up with the County Superintendent of Schools, the possibility of turning our educational load over to the state. For a time it looked as though a workable plan could be agreed upon, but later on, we found that the condition imposed by the state authorities were such as to disrupt all of our organizations for work, and it did not appear that the state aid would represent a real saving in money, and would certainly mean a demoralized Institution.

The Board of Regents carefully considered all angles of the matter of state aid in a special meeting in Greensboro, and decided to forego asking for state aid this year; but to carry on a further study to see if plans could be made later on for tieing up with the state system of schools. This is the situation as it is today.

We can not dismiss this particular subject of expense without commenting on the continued effort of the boys and girls at Barium to carry their part of the load of this support. Each year, there is an increase in the amount of work of a productive nature that is done both by boys and girls. A larger percentag of the clothing is being made in our own sewing room than ever before. The most abundant crops have been raised this year. particularly. The market value of the crops of the year of 1930 runs well over $30,000.00. It was a larger crop than the preceeding year, but the market value of the articles was less.

Summing up the work of the year, in the handling of applications, we find that during the church year from April the first to April the first, there was a total of 752 children investigated. Of these, 44 were accepted, and have entered the Institution; 53 are being cared for by relatives; 81 by other agencies, and Institutions. Most of these being taken care of by state Mothers' Aid. In twenty-one cases, applications were made through a misunderstanding, and investigation showed there was really no need for the children to inter the Institution. Boarding homes, free homes, and work homes have been provided for nine. Cases referred to other Institutions, 88. Adjustments made 59; Of the children who were already in the Orphanage, 12 returned to reestablished homes; 21 graduated; relatives assumed care of 7; 2 left to take work; 1 placed in a boarding home; one placed in a free home; making a total of 43 that have left the Institution during the year.

As to finances, at the end of the church year, we find the Institution in a more satisfactory financial condition, although still with a revenue something under the expense.. We have weathered a time of stress in wich we were called on to do exceptionally large work on a very uncertain revenue. We found that although economic conditions were bad and predictions were gloomy that the church had responded to the need of the Institution, and taken care of in this fashion. The church had not fallen behind the previous year.

We looked forward to the new year with courage and hope. While we had not retired our debt, it was in a much more easily handled condition, and the pressing of creditors was relieved for a time.

This was the outlook we faced in April. Usually our report ends with this; but we can not close this report without mentioning our present situation. The receipts, while never good during the summer months, have been unusually poor this year, and the first months of the church year showed a revenue of $6,600.00 less than that a year ago.

This very much curtailed revenue was distressing. It would have been even more so, had it not been for our abundant crops this year. Our table has been supplied almost entirely by our fields and gardens, and the cash expenditures have been limited to Power and light bills, and pay rolls. But even with that, we have been hard put to it to get along. In August we wrote to a few of our friends to send us some money quickly. About $1,800.00 came to us as a result of this special appeal, and tided us over a little while, but right at this present time, we face a most critical situation in our finances.

You can gather from the foregoing that the consideration of finances has been one of the main subjects under consideration in all the Regents meetings.

The Board realized, however, that confining all the discussings to finances might result in neglect of other egually important matters. So a Committee was appointed to make a careful study of the Institution and to report, making recommendations for a constructive plan to cover a period of from five to ten years. The report of this committee which was later made to the entire Board and adopted, was that something should be done immediately to remedy the very crowded and unsatisfactory conditions in some of our dormitories. They recommended the immediate erection of an additional building for boys.

Barium Springs is a member of a National organization. It has a high standing in that organization. This Organization recognizes the kind of work that is done by this Institution, but they feel that this is done in spite of these dangerous handicaps of overcrowded buildings, and too many children to one matron, which is our practice. They feel that we will suffer for this, sooner or later, and our continued membership in this organization depends on some effort being made to remedy these conditions.

Barium Springs has a most excellent staff of matrons and teachers. They are not only naturally women of high type, but they are quick to take every chance possible for improving their knowledge and skill in the work that they are doing.

During last April, the Orphanage in connection with fifteen other Orphanages in North and South Carolina, put on an Institution for Orphanage workers. These meetings were held in four different cities. The lecturers were contributed by three National agencies. The National Child Health Association, the National Recreational Association; the Child Welfare League of America. The expense on the individual Institutnion was very light, but the work required of the matrons attending was very heavy. The meetings that Barium Springs' staff attended were in Charlotte, and for ten days an average of 15 workers from our Institution attended each day. We believe that the benefits from this particular Institute will be far reaching. We know that it has already raised the standard of our work. This is just another evidence of the loyalty and zeal of this fine body women.

Our teachers are of the same kind, and every employee of Barium Springs has a loyalty to it that is certainly rare.

There are times when we do not have money to pay even the few negro employees of the place, and their checks are held back, sometimes as much as ten days, without a murmur from them. We challenge anybody to present a like situation. One of the heaviest contributing communities in the Synod is that right here at Barium Springs; and the contributions comes from very modest salaries of our staff and employees.

We want to speak in the highest praise of the attitude of the young men and wemen who have graduated from our Institution. During the past two years, jobs have been scarce. Very few have secured the kind of work they wanted. Sometimes a girl graduate would have to take work which was practically that of a servant. When this was necessary the work was done cheerfully without ill feelings or ugly spirit of any kind. Our graduates are fast becoming respected and valuable citizens whereveer they are located.

We are glad to note in this connection that those that have been in college in recent years are doing well. Three graduated from Davidson with the class of 1931. One of these, with honors. We have letters that we prize very highly from the presidents of the colleges that our young people attend, speaking in the highest terms, not only of their preparation, but their characters also.

It is a little difficult for anyone to judge the value of the work of an Institution, until time has proved its value. We are in a much better position to judge the value of the work of the splendid men and women who have guided the affairs of this Institution years ago, than of work being done now. We will have to leave the final estimate of this to those who will review the work of the Institution in the years to come. We do know this, however, that the Institution is filling a need at the present that cannot . be done away with, without serious consequences. It is giving many young people their only chance.

We believe that the field is more far reaching than ever before. The work is not confined to the children in residence only, but to their families and to those other families that we are striving to hold together without the use of Orphanage care at all.

We have a lot of things that reach beyond just child welfare, possibly family welfare would be the better word.

We do this because we feel that it is right, and because we can with the same money reach a larger number, and in this and all of or endueavors we ask for your sympathetic help and your constant prayers.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

Wheat Prices In Germany

Wheat, in Germany, is selling for $1.96 per bushel. Why? Germany's 1930 wheat crop was only 131,000,000 bushels. This is 70,000,000 bushels less than Kansas propuced this year.

Yet, with this small crop, the German farmer was only receiving thirty-four cents a bushel for his wheat The GermanGovernment then placed a tariff of $1.62 a bushel on wheat. This immediately raised the price of wheat to $1.96 a bushel to the German farmer. Germany does not produce a surplus and he tariff is immediately reflected in the price of her wheat. We continue to grow a huge surplus, which nobody wants, thereby destroying some of the benefits of our forty-two cent tariff. Why not take a lesson from Germany? —Maiden News.

——P. O. H.——

In The Lives Of Others

If a child were left upon a desert island, it is conceivable it might die. Feeding on berries and shellfish it might keep itself alive. But do you see, as it grew up to manhood what a poor and empty thing its life wonld be, only a little different from the beasts? Every power that you and I possess would be latent in that lonely mortal. All that is best and brightest in humanity might be in rudiment within his being. Yet lacking the intercourse of fellow men and the play of mind on mind and heart what a maimed — what a lost life that would be! We really live only in others' lives. We have no true being except in others' being. We do not really live if we be selfish, closing the doors upon intruding feet.—George H. Morrison.

——P. O. H.——

Compare Christianity With Anything Else—What Happens?

There are 322,000 churches in the United States with an enrolled membership of 44,380,000. Has any other organization anything by comparison? There is a reason.

In addition, there are 16,000,000 children to fill the ranks. Is there any other society with a reserve force as mighty as that?

The church spends $185,000,000 annually to benefit mankind. Does anything else do as much for humanity?

The number of churches comes within one-tenth of equaling the public schools. Does the reader know of any other body with such a amazing background?

The Sunday School Enrollment is but one-sixth smaller than the public school roster. Mull over that! At the same time, remember the former is voluntary and the latter compulsory.

Twenty cents of every church dollar is devoted to benevolence during normal times, and the figure is much higher in times of stress. Has any other organization such a record?

The church census shows Christianity is more than holding its own. That cannot be said of any other orangization—political, social or business.

The Golden Rule is that foundation, and every church is a school in which it is more than taught—it is lived.

Go to church next Sunday and learn that Christianity is going, growing, glowing concern—and everything is vlountary.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

——P. O. H.——

Blind Alleys

Civilation is riddled with blind alleys. The prosperity that ends in my being educated is a blind alley; the amusement that ends in my being amused is a blind alley; the religion that ends in my being religious is a blind alley. These broad highways were never intended to end abruptly at the points that I have indicated. My prosperity, instead of ending with the inflation of my bank account, should lead to the enrichment of the world. My education, instead of ending with a university triumph should equip my whole individuality for loftier service. My amusement, instead of being a mere revel, should be a tonic, a refreshment, a recreation. And my religion, instead of merely filling my soul with a smug and unwholesome self content, should help every man I meet to fight life's battle with a braver heart. —F. W. Boreham, in the Watchman-Examiner.

Baby Cottage

BABY COTTAGE September 14 —How's school agreeting with all of you. The Babies certainly were excited when it began . Miss Carson has only eleven childern in the kindergarten. We have five little girls who are in the first grade. They certainly feel important.

We were very sorry to lose three of our little boys William Billings, Robert Kerr, and Ben Lewis. Also four of our little girls Flora Smith, Myrtle Mills, Evelyn Coppedge, and Annie Sue Wilson. But we know they will like their new home. We have got two new Children, Rachel Mills and Marshal Norris. We hope they will like our babies fine.

Sunday before last Miss Miller was asking the children cateshisms. When asked, "What did God threaten in the Covenant of works?" They did not seem to understand. Miss Miller explained that it meant punishment. Little Amos Hardy spoke up quickly, "A spanking."

Miss Miller had a visit from her brother, Mr. James Miller and his wife and son and her sister, Margaret. They are from Augusta, Ga. John and Murphy, Mama McGirt's sons, were here for a few days and she returned to Maxton for a week with them.

We certainly were sorry to lose all of our old girls but are very glad to have the new ones.

Well, so long until next month.

—"The Babies."

——P. O. H.——

CLEM L. LOWRANCE DIES AT ASHEVILLE

Mooresville Enterprise, Sept. 10.

Clem L. Lowrance, aged 49 years, died at Mission hospital in Ashville Tuesday night following an operation for appendicitis. His appendix had burst and his condition left little hope for recovery.

Mr. Lowrance is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Lowrance, of the Prospect neighborhood, and was born and reared at the Lowrance home east of town After his school day he began clerking in a drug store and studied pharmacy. He was with the Miller Drug Company of this city for several years and moved from here to Sumter, S. C. thence to Ashville, where he has been engaged in the drug business for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Adelle Pitts, of Sumter, S. C.; his parents, Mr.and Mrs. D. W. Lowrance; six brothers and one sister as follows: Jay H.Lowrance, of Barium; J.N. Lowrance, of Rockford, Ill.; J Frank Lowrance, of Raeford; A. L. Lowrance, of Statesvill; Carey P. and David W. Lowrance, at home, and Mrs T. A Graham, of Concord R.F D.

Funeral services will be held atProspect Presbyterian church this [Thursday] morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. D. Denham, pastor at Prospect.

Interesting Account of Iternary To Holy Land By A Member Of Barium Family En Route

(Written by Miss Una Moore, Barium Infirmary Nurse, on Trip to Holy Land.)

Athen, Greece, Aug. 15

Dear Mr. Edwards: It has been some time since I wrote you the first part of our trip. Since then we have been too busy to collect the important events as they came to us. Our visit to England covered most of the southern part, leaving Plymouth we went by bus to London, over the most beautiful part of that little land. Crossing Devonshire and two other Shires we came thru Haniton where one differs from the others in location as it has a beautiful "close" or grounds about it.

We had dinner that night at the Bonington hotel, London where every thing was served differently than at home.

A visit to the London Tower seemed an innocent pleasure now, but every room told of jealousy, intrigue, hate and deceit.

The only bright spot were the crown jewels and plate — worth millions of dollars. On our way we stopped at the Old Curiosity Shop. The Shop is the only thing to remind one of little Nell, the wares inside are found in all the stores.

Later we found ourselves in Westminster Abbey. The Tombs of great men in every walk of life, some famous, and others not. A few were of interest to, as Livingstone, the Unknown Soldier, Gladstone, and others who had done their duty well. Chapels called for Kings and Queens leaving queer stories of their lives and time.

St. Pauls was not far away, and our first chapel was one built for Lord Kitchiner who lost his life in the last war by drowning when a ship went down. Over the tomb is his statue in marble with his uniform and all his decorations on.

The Duke of Wellington is buried here, also Benjamin West, the great American artist, and Christopher Wrenn, the architect of this famous building.

Saturday seven of us left the party for Paris. We had a pleasant trip over as the sea was very quiet. While there we visited Josephin's Palace and Gardens. The Palace of Versailes where the wonderful paintings and tapastries of Marie Antoinette are still to be seen. But what the Americans liked best was the table on which the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

Another room showed France's victories and among the others was one showing a battle in which the French took part in the Revolutionary war.

For miles on this trip we went down avenues where the trees met overhead.

In the evening we visited the sacred Cover, beautiful for location on one of the highest hills of Paris. Leaving there we came to the real Paris streets, so narrow you could not find a walk you had the street to walk on. Tiny shops that not more than three could be in comfortably.

The next day wsa filled with sightseeing. Every street has an arch, a garden, or some piece of statuary to be seen in the distance. The Unknown Soldier is buried at the edge of the 'Triumph Arch,' and was covered with flowers.

The Church of Magdeline had beautiful paintings as well as all the other churches we visited.

Napoleon's Tomb is a very artistic one, made of marble from different places and carved into the most beautiful designs. Above the windows are a mellow yellow and the glow of the sun is on it all day, no difference what the weather is.

We visited the exhibitions which was very interesting. The big show wsa a copy of an old temple found in Siam some years ago. At night when the light was thrown on it it was a vision of beauty.

I regret only part of an afternoon was spent in the Louvre. I once saw a copy of the Immaculate Conception in Detroit, and from then until I saw it was the dream that I might see the original. I had that pleasure of not only seeing it, but a number of others that every child knows. A short time at such a place only grieves you when there is so much to see and so little time to see it. Notra Dame is near and I spent awhile here, where so lately France's Great Warrior had been his last time.

The next day we started home and every one of the party was sorry to leave such a hospitable city. After a very rough passage we arrived at Dieppe.

Mr. Mace, a Y. M. C. A. man from Pittsburgh, ordered tea for us in the train, for we were cold and wet from our return voyage. There were seven of us and a nice ittle Irish priest in the compartment. We all felt better after tea and the conversation ran to world affairs and jokes.

The next morning at 9:30 we started for Oxford. Oxford is too big a subject for this letter so I can only say there are 24 colleges there of different kinds. They ar cold bleak buildings built from 11 to 1400 A.D.; some they call quite modern, one had a new roof not long ago, only 400 years. They had lovely gardens, some rare paintings and statuary and a name that will never die.

The hotel we were at is 600 years old and you could believe it if you saw the building.

Near Oxford is Eaton where 1100 boys between the ages of 14 and 19 attend. The dress is like evening dress and they wear high hats. Can you imagine as rough and tumble boys scrap-dressed like that. Their mode of punishment is the same age of the school. A boy kneels on a step while a "master" plies a switch made like the brushbrooms you sweep yards with, and they seem proud they can draw blood.

It is an honor to go to Eaton as kings, princes,, and even a few Americans have been there.

June 26 we went to Windsor Castle. The king and queen were not at home which made it impossible for us to get in.

We did get in the beautiful Chapel of St. George where we saw a copy of Benjamin West's Last Supper.

Those of you who do not know where Stoke Poges is you will find it at one of the most beautiful spots in England. Here is where Gray wrote his elogy on the tomb near the church door, and just beyond is the meadow, where "The cattle slowly wend their way."

Gray's father and mother are buried here, also Gray. Before Penn became a Quaker he attended this church. Near here is Haddon Hall where Dorothy Vernon lived.

The next day going thru a town we visited the Weekly fair. It is well worth seeing. Such a medley of people, things and animals can hardly be described. Later we came to Banbury where the "hot cross buns" tasted just as good as when they used to sing "Riddy Cock Horse to Banbury cross to see a young lady ride on a gray horse"—

Warwick Castle is near here and we visited a number of rooms, ecah having an interesting history. The grounds are very lovely, green hills in every direction and peacocks everywhere.

Sunday we went to church at St. Mary's Cathedral. We felt it was good for the rector, he had a state job. I am sure if Mr. Brown preached like that he would not have a church job.

In the afternoon we drove out to Kennilworth Castle, a mass of ruins rich only in history and beautiful in ruins.

Today we are off to the Shakespear country. Another ride thru green fields, rodsides and trees covered with English ivy, fox glove, daisies, poppies, wild roses everywhere while the Canterbury bell was in every corner. We went first to Anne Hathaways cottage and the information we received ther was doubly interesting in the way it was told us by the lady in charge, who had a very clear vision of Anne's life. We saw much the same at Shakespear's home, also some of his oldest manuscripts.

We lunched at the White Snow, a building 400 years old. When this house was being done over they found plaster on some very old paintings and all this with the supposed stories is very interesting.

We went to the Red Lion, another hotel where they showed us the room Washington Irving wrote his sketch book. His poker, chair, and clock are there yet.

We were dropped down on Tanksbury late one evening about 8:30 P. M., and the sun an hour high.

This city has a fine old abbey, much history of battles and bloodshed, but they all pale into insignification before "John Halifax Gentlemen."

We were shown six different places where he stayed. The hotel where we were was Able Fletcher's home, and the mill close by where John worked and the tannery down the street. The mayor's house will be pointed out to you on any street you are on. The balling greenback of the hotel is the same one he used.

Gloucester has a fine cathedral, and fro mthis we went to the home and church of Robert Raiken, the one who started the first Sunday School.

Our last day in London was doing a little shopping and then to the docks to sail for Cairo.

For ten days we were on the Ballarat—an Australian vessel, not so good and not so bad.

The Bay of Biscay was rough and cold, but on the Mediterranean it was fine and we were out all day. We spent June 10 in Malta visiting reminders of St. Paul's shipwreck. The Knights of Malta and instead of cats, goats everywhere.

And now comes Port Said, which is a beautiful city and where they have an excellent bathing beach. We spent a few hours there and came by train to Cairo. Now our journey really begins. We are at a splendid hotel where we eat dinner every evening out undr the stars.

The pyramids came first and we were taken by auto part way and then mounted a camel and went the rest of the way. It is said the Sphinx never talk, but he surely must smile when he sees a bunch of Americans on camels. My camel's name was Brenda. Her virtues were many, and the care the driver would take of me —"as my two eyes." As my tip was not equal to his idea he has changde his mind about me.

A picture can give you a very little idea of the pyramids and my pen can do less. But in the huge stones that Moses saw one only sees days of work by hundreds of thousands of slaves that died under the load of building them.

The next day we went to Saqqura or Menphis, and saw the oldset of them, also 13 tombs of Sacred Bulls and the oldest temple ever excavated. The pictures or cuts are so plain they tell their own story.

We visited mosques and bazaars, the Near East Orphanage and had a trip down the Nile—and saw (?) where Moses was hid, (the basket and rushes are gone.) Bought beads, and went to the U. Presbyterian Orphanage and College. As we came back saw a wedding party which was very interesting considering it was being followed by a bunch of street arabs.

The time has come to leave and we are going by train to Kantara. Eating our dinner, but the diner had no special call to me like those at home have.

At Kantara we have a five minute ride on the Suez Canal, then march up to have our baggage examined. Good luck is with us and we get by. The train leaves Kantara at 11:30, and we sit up the rest of the night, only those who have made the trip will ever know what dust is.

Now we are at Mt. Carmel, kept by the Catholic Sisters. It is a rest to have a nice clean place to stop, and splendid home-cooking.

And as we sit under the shade of trees and read the history of Mt. Carmel, the Prophets and Priests, we begin to realize where we are. Acco, where Paul visited on his 2nd. missionary journey—called Ptolemais—the brook Kishon running into the sea, what memories come to us.

Tyre is the first of the old cities then Siden, which is quite a town now—Jonah's burial place—only one of seven.

— P. O. H. —

DON'T WORRY— WORK!

As the pendulum of a clock swings far to one side and then to the other, as a ball when bounced rebounds, so with depressions, both mental and financial—what goes down must come up, that which goes to one extreme must go to the other, according to the editor of one of our exchanges, "The Tractor," publication of Dearborn, (Mich.) high school. Depressions comeand go in cycles. Economists have proved this by statistics. To overcome this temporarily low-spirited condition one should work.

In one of Amos an' Andy broadcasts, Andy explained the causes of the depression and named hard work as the remedy Usually one can safely follow the advice of Andy, the sage, common-sense philosopher. Salaries can not be rised until the company for which one is working is receiving more profits. By working conscientiously the employee will cause the employer to gain and these resulting profits shall come back to the laborer in the form of better pay and the good-will of his employer.

What earthly good can worrying do? It causes lack of sleep, nervousness, improper digestion of food, and the loss of much brain energy which might very well be used elsewhere.

On the eve of their execution, an Irishman, a Jew and a Scotchman were asked if there was anything that they would like to have to eat. The Irishman voted for Irish Stew, and the Scotchman, for whiskey, but the Jew for strawberries and cream.

But, protested the warden, strawberries are not in season.

Vel, replied Ikey, I can vait.

Helpful Waiter: "What about some tongue, sir?"

Mr. H. Peck: "Had that this morning."

Helpful Waiter: "Well, then how about some cold shoulder, sir?"

Mr. H. Peck: "I'll get that tonight."

Clothing Money

Aux. Circle 6, Alamance, Mrs. W. A. Sharpe	5.00
Aux. Cross Roads	10.00
Beg. Dept. Washington 1st S.S.	25.72
Aux. Burlington	45.00
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	18.75
Mrs. Jas. Archer, Yemassee, S. C.,	10.00
Aux. Lauringburg 1st	67.50
Aux. Marion	12.50
Aux. Cramerton	11.00
Aux. Trinity Avenue	25.00
Mary E. Rogers B. C., Winston-Salem 1st S. S.	22.50
Aux. Lenoir 1st	45.00
Aux. Howard Mem., Mrs. Mabry Hart	5.00
Aux. Howard Mem., Mrs. Cobb & Holderness	16.50
Aux. Clinton	25.00
Aux. Bayless Mem.	5.00
Aux. Smyrna	15.00
Aux. Mt. Airy	22.50
Business W's. Circle, Charlotte 2nd Aux.	22.50
Aux. Comfort	10.00
TOTAL, - - -	$419.47

—P. O. H.—

Miscel. Support

F. P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
A Fayetteville Friend	6.00
Miss Addie Webb, Raleigh	5.00
C. K. Brown, Davidson	50.00
Mrs. Brown & Sister, Davidson	10.00
J. W. Matthews, Rocky Mt.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Tharpe, Jr., Rocky Mt.	5.00
Rev. Lewis Collins, Durham	10.00
Walter Beattie, Charlotte, (an old Barium boy)	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Bowling, Rocky Mt.	10.00
A Friend	50.00
Flora McDonald College C. A.	31.55
Mt. Ulla, Thyatira Auxiliary, 25 quarts fruit, jelly and preserves.	
Mt. Ulla, Thyatira Auxiliary, Circle 4, one quilt.	
Clyde Arrowood, Lincolnton	10.00
Isadore Wallace, Statesville, (in lieu flowers Oscar W. Slane	5.00
Walter Beattie, Charlotte (an old Barium boy)	2.00
F. L. Johnson, Statesville	50.00
C. M. Hodgin, Enfield	5.00
W. Y. Preyer, Greensboro	250.00
A. T. Jennette, Washington	1.00
F. L. Fuler, New York City	150.00
TOTAL, - - -	$1282.41

—P. O. H.—

Gifts

Richmond, Va., Mrs. P. S. Rossieux, 14 knitted wash rags.

Rockingham, Aux., Jelly and preserves.

Elmwood, Third Creek Church, fruit and preserves.

Statesville, Aux. 1st. church, fruit jelly and preserves.

Newton, Aux., fruit and preserves.

Troy, box canned fruit and preserves.

Kannapolis, Bethpage church, canned goods, jelly and preserves.

Stedman, Mr. C. E. Autrey, material, sox etc.

Concord, McKinnon Church, fruit, jelly and preserves.

Burlington, Bason and Bason, lace and trimmings.

Greensboro, 807 Magnolia St., two quilts.

Greensboro, Circle 6, Alamance Church one box clothing.

—P. O. H.—

Support

Eureka S. S.	2.25
Lumber Bridge S. S.	2.27
Aux. Greensboro 1st	19.00
Wm. & Mary Hart Chapel	2.72
Raeford S. S.	10.00
S. S. High Point 1st	100.00
Rutherfordton S. S.	8.18
Lexington S. S.	14.97
West End S. S.	5.01
S. S. Washington 1st	10.00
Aux. Dunn 1st	22.00
Moment Class Raleigh 1st S. S.	6.75
Myers Park Church Regular	5.00
Myers Park Church Spec.	3.93
S. S. Church in Pines	5.00
McPherson S. S.	6.67
S. S. Laurinburg 1st	23.21
Aux. Vass	3.00
Ellenboro S. S.	3.96
Salem Church	1.50
Morven S. S.	3.06
Durham 1st. Church	10.00
Aux. Bensalem	4.57
Cornelius S. S.	7.25
Aux. Little Joe's Church	20.00
St. Andrews Church	41.00
Union S. S.	3.50
Albemarle 1st Church	33.69
St Pauls S. S.	25.97
Men's B. C. Westminister	10.90
Aux. Caldwell Mem.	10.00
Aux. Washington 1st	7.00
Aux. Circle 6, Alamance	3.00
Primary Department Greensboro 1st. S. S.	5.00
Aux. West Avenue	4.00
Bayless Mem. Church	2.25
Bethany S. S.	.43
Bethpage Church	3.00
Concord 2nd. Church	2.10
Davidson Church	15.00
Gilwood Church	1.64
Hickory 1st Church	17.85
Kannapolis Church	5.12
Mooresville 2nd Church	13.56
Prospect Church	5.04
Salisbury 1st Church	38.10
Shiloh Church	.83
Thyatira Church	4.72
Unity Church	1.73
Aux. Prospect	.75
S. S. Durham 1st.	15.00
Mt. Holly Church	21.71
Beattie Mem. S. S. Birthday Offering	3.00
Aux. Rosemary	10.00
Aux. Pittsboro	2.00
Pri. Class Broadway S. S.	1.51
Aux. Gastonia 1st	37.59
S. S. Shiloh	3.05
Aux. McPherson	10.00
S. S. New Bern 1st	29.62
Spies Church	3.00
Y. P. Winston-Salem 1st	5.00
Belmont S. S.	23.02
Covenant S. S. Greensboro	6.03
Clarkton S. S.	17.42
Anderson S. S.	1.55
Manchester Covenant S. S.	3.10
Aux. Mt. Pisgah	1.00
Aux. Winston-Salem 1st.	30.00
Aux. Cooleemee	2.00
Mocksville Aux.	6.00
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	4.50
Aux. Clarkton	5.00
Concord Iredell Church	9.25
Aux. Raleigh 1st	9.00
S. S. Lake Waccamaw	5.00
Kings Mt. 1st Church	75.00
Aux. Shelby 1st	6.41
Bethesda S. S.	7.93
Aux. Circle oN 2, N. Wilkesboro	2.50
Aux. Central Steele Creek	5.65
Harmony S. S.	5.00
Fayetteville 1st Church	115.52
Flat Branch S. S.	4.76
Union Mills S. S.	3.28
Woman's B. C. Salisbury 1st S. S.	10.00
Brotherhood B. C. Salisbury 1st S. S.	75.00
Aux. New Hope	18.00
Aux. Cramerton	6.00
South Port S. S.	10.00
Rowland S. S.	4.50
Culdee S. S.	1.00
S. S. Concord 1st	72.53
Sharon S. S.	11.93
Vass S. S. m	7.26
Graves Mem. S. S.	4.64
Aux. Westminister, Greensboro	12.00
Aux. Westminister Charlotte	25.00
Durham 1st Church	100.00
Phillips Fidelis Class, Charlotte 2nd S. S.	5.00
Smyrna S. S.	6.67
Aux. Smyrna	26.61
Union S. S.	3.40
Aux. Thyatira	1.00
Aux. Statesville 11st	100.00
S. S. Jonesboro	9.80
Long Creek S. S.	1.78
Aux. Charlotte 1st	45.00
Flat Branch Church	10.00
Aux. Rocky Mt. 1st	20.00
Aux. Rowland	15.00
Mitchiner Mem. Church	.81
Williamston Church	1.81
Parmele Church	.75
Hollywood Church	.8
Wm. & Mary Hart Church	.69
Cradle Roll Dept. Winston-Salem 1st S. S. for Baby Cottage	15.40
Huntersville S. S.	4.67
Men's B. C. Greensboro 1st S. S.	19.13
Buffalo (G) S. S.	10.95
Front St. S. S.	9.63
Hopewell S. S.	2.65
Red Springs Church	17.08
Wilson S. S.	26.20
Aux. Charlotte 2nd. Regular	60.00
Aux. Charlotte 2nd (special)	50.00
Miss Susie Hutchison, Charlotte	50.00
New Hope S. S.	4.66
Lincolnton S. S.	26.12
Y. M. B. C., Statesville 1st	10.28
Morven S. S.	4.71
Elmwood S. S.	4.59
Mocksville S. S.	8.08
S. S. Rocky Mt. 1st	16.25
Aux. High Point 1st	14.00
Aux. Greensboro Covenant	8.00
Black River S. S.	2.55
Godwin S. S.	3.55
TOTAL, - - -	$3,028.25

—P. O. H.—

Lottie Walker

1st FLOOR

LOTTIE WALKER FIRST FLOOR News, September 25—The first floor gang is on the air again!

What haven't we been doing?

The Sophomores went to Winston-Salem to see Sanford play with our boys. We beat them 7-0, and are going to lick Lexington this afternoon at four o'clck.

Some of us went to Davidson to the game Saturday with Elon. That nite we went to Statesville to see "Pardon Us." All of us are fond of the manager because he always lets us in for ten cents and very often he invites us to come free.

Since school started our Juniors have entertained the Seniors once. We think that is a very grand start for them.

The Seniors are beginning to learn to use their dignity. Pretty soon we will be so small.

Some of the Musicians on the first floor are progressing some. Margaret Pittman has progressed so much it disturbs our thinking so we will sign off until another day when she isn't playing "Maggie and Jiggs."

—P. O. H.—

"So your name is Johnny Thompson," the teacher said, to make sure of the facts, "but your mother's name is Jones?"

"Yes, ma'am," Johnny said. "You see she married again and I didn't."

First Little Girl: "Has your sister begun taking music lessons yet?"

Second Little Girl: "She's taking something on the piano, but I can't tell yet whether it's music or typewriting."